

H.B. 5390 – Favor – Provides Certainty to Officials and Public

Government Administration and Elections Committee

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Chairs and members of the Committee, my name is Luther Weeks, Executive Director of CTVotersCount, a Certified Moderator, and a Computer Scientist.

I strongly support H.B. 5390 it would require that enforceable opinions and instructions by the Secretary of the State be posted permanently at the Secretary's official web site.

Last year, the General Assembly wisely authorized the Secretary of the State to make opinions and instructions enforceable. Wisely those were required to be written and clearly marked with the authority to be enforceable.

This bill would improve on last year's act by requiring that all such opinions and instructions be publicly available. Thus all of the public, candidates, and election officials could reasonably be aware of all such opinions and instructions. There would be no opinions and instructions known only to selected individuals. Any contradictory opinions or instructions would be exposed for correction. Any incorrect rumors of such would be easily refuted. No officials could claim that they were not made aware of those opinions and instructions.

Thank you,